ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method, and installation system for implementing such method, is provided for remotely installing systems management software on a host. The method includes

5 communicatively linking an installation station with the host, downloading a survey script on the host, executing the survey script to automatically gather computing environment information, and transmitting to the installation station the environment information. The

10 installation station transmits to the host a tool for automatically installing the systems management software. A payload comprising the systems management software is transmitted from the installation station to the host. The payload is selected to suit the environment

15 information. The installation tool installs the payload on the host and automatically configures the installed software for the detected host environment. The environment information includes hardware and software configuration information, identification of modules for

20 monitoring the host, thresholds based on configuration of the host, and installation commands to run during payload installation.